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## Utility Patent Application

Attorney's Docket # 02-135

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| 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 of the Notice of Allowance                    | 112 920 112 920           | Requesting publication of SIR prior to                                      |                                       |  |  |  |
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| 101 790 201 395 Utility filing fee                                       | 119 310 219 155           | Notice of Appeal  | Ĺ                                     |  |  |  |
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| 107 540 207 270 Plant filing fee   | 121 270 221 135           | Request for oral hearing  |                                       |  |  |  |
| 108 790 208 395 Reissue filing fee                                       | 138 1,510 138 1,510       | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                               | <u> </u>                              |  |  |  |
| 114 150 214 75 Provisional filing fee                                    | 140 110 240 55            | Petition to revive - unavoidable  |                                       |  |  |  |
| SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 385.00   | 141 1,320 241 660         | Petition to revive - unintentional  |                                       |  |  |  |
| 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES  | 142 1,320 242 660         | Utility issue fee (or reissue)  | 1                                     |  |  |  |
| Fee from Extra Claims below Fee Paid                                     | 143 450 243 225           | Design issue fee  |                                       |  |  |  |
| Total Claims 11 -20" =  X  | 144 670 244 335           | Plant issue fee   | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |  |  |  |
| Independent 7 .3" = Q X  | 122 130 122 130           | Petitions to the Commissioner   | <u></u>                               |  |  |  |
| Claims ————————————————————————————————————                              | 123 50 123 50             | Petitions related to provisional applications                               |                                       |  |  |  |
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| 103 22 203 11 Claims in excess of 20                                     |                           | Filing a submission after final rejection                                   |                                       |  |  |  |
| 102 82 202 41 Independent claims in excess of 3                          |                           | (37 CFR 1.129(a)) For each additional invention to be                       | l                                     |  |  |  |
| 104 270 204 135 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                    |                           | examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))  |                                       |  |  |  |
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